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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 101)
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch
SUBJECT: San Jose, Batangas Massacre

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

On or about 23 January 1945, a warehouse in the vicinity of San Jose, Batangas, used by the Japanese to store their supplies was looted and burned by guerrillas and civilians (R 1). On 27 January 1945 the Japanese rounded up the people of the town for questioning concerning this incident, and arrested a priest, the mayor, and two other town officials. One of these men escaped (R 1), but the remains of the others were later found and identified.

From that time on through March 1945, the Japanese carried on a program of burning and killing throughout the barrios of San Jose. At least one hundred and seven Filipinos including women and children were slain by the Japanese (R 1, Exhibit A). Many were tied, led away and bayoneted (R 29, 33, 47). Some of the bodies were mutilated; the hands and feet of one victim were cut off, and the right hand of another was severed (R 22). The burned and beheaded body of one man was found tied to a post (R 19).

Ten members of one family, in whose home the Japanese found a leaflet dropped by an American plane, announcing the landing of United States' troops on Leyte, were arrested and later found bayoneted to death (R 32, 33).

Anselmo ALABASTRO, Eutiquio ALABASTRO, and Felipe ALABASTRO were taken by the Japanese to the home of BALIWAG, a short distance from their own home. Here they were tied hand and foot with their backs to the posts of the house, and burned to death when the Japanese set fire to the house (R 19). Others were taken from their homes and bayoneted to death, and their houses burned to the ground (R 16, 44, 47). At least fifty-eight homes and buildings were burned by the Japanese (R 2).

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合衆國陸軍司令部

太平洋地域法務官事務室

戦犯支部

陸軍郵便局 五。

一九四五年(昭和二〇年)十一月十四日

覚書宛名 — 検察部(報告 才。一)

経 由 — 戦犯支部主任將校

件 名 — 「バタガス州サンゼノ虐殺

二 證據概要

一九四五年(昭和二〇年)一月二十三日、若シハ其、前は、日本軍ニ依リ、其、食糧貯藏ニ使用サレテ居タ「バタガス」
「サンゼ」附近、倉庫が、ゲリラ隊及ビ市民ニ依リテ掠奪、火災ヲ蒙リタ。(R一) 一九四五年(昭和二〇年)一月二十七日、日本軍ハ、此事件ニ関スル訊問、為、市民ヲ聚リ集メ、僧一名、市長及ビ二名、他、市役員ヲ逮捕シタ。彼等、中、一人ハ逃シ(R二)タカ、他、人々、遺骨ハ、後日發見サシ、彼等、ソレニ間違ヒナシキ事ヲ確認サシタ。

此、時以來、一九四五年二月一杯ニカケテ、日本軍ハ「サンゼ」部落一帯ニ亘リテ、焼打ケ、殺害、計画ヲ實施シタ。少トモ婦女、子供ヲ合シテ百七名、比律賓人。日本軍ニ殺害シタ(書證A)。多ク、人ガ捕縛サシ、連シ去ラシ、銃劍ヲ刺殺サシタ(R二九、三三四七)。若干、屍体ハ切断セタ。一名、犠牲者、両手兩足ハ切断サシ、他、一名、犠牲者ハ右手ヲ切断セタ(R三)燒ケ焦ゲタ首無し、男、屍体ガ柱ニ縛リ付ケテ居ルヲ發見サシタ(R十九)。或ル家族、十人者、其、家族、合衆國軍、レイテ島上陸ヲ報シタ要不利加機、散布シタ傳單ガ發見セタ多、日本軍ニヨリ捕ヘラシ、後ニ銃劍ヲ刺殺サシタコトガ發見セシタ(R三三三)「アムセルモ・アムバストロ」エラキオ、アムバストロ、及ビ「アムバ」アムバストロハ日本兵ニ自食毒ガラシム離シタ「ハリワグ」等ニ連シテ行カシタ。此処デ、彼等ハ手足ト身体ヲ家、柱ニ縛

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附ケラレ、家ニ放火セリ、焼死シタデアツタ(R一九)。又他、
人々ニ放火ヲ連レ出セ、銃劍ヲ刺殺セ、假令、家、焼失
サセラシタ(R一六、四四、四七)。少クモ五八戸ノ家屋ト建
造物ガ日本軍ニ依ツテ焼カルデア(R二)。